

Table 20-1 Percentage of students with disabilities ages 6–21* according to the educational environment in which they are educated, by type of disability: Academic years ending 1986–96

Type of disability	Academic year ending											Percentage point change
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Regular class												
All disabilities	25.5	26.4	28.9	30.5	31.5	32.8	34.9	39.8	43.4	44.5	45.4	19.9
Specific learning disabilities	15.4	15.9	17.6	19.6	20.7	22.5	24.7	34.8	39.3	41.1	42.4	27.0
Traumatic brain injury	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.9	16.4	22.3	26.0	28.5	20.6
Speech or language impairments	68.6	70.1	74.8	75.6	76.8	78.9	85.5	81.8	87.5	87.3	88.6	20.0
Hearing impairments	20.0	21.6	24.4	26.9	27.0	26.9	27.0	29.5	30.6	35.0	36.2	16.2
Other health impairments	27.4	30.5	30.6	29.9	31.2	30.2	35.3	40.0	40.1	42.5	43.3	15.9
Visual impairments	32.8	32.7	37.7	39.8	39.3	42.1	39.6	45.5	45.2	45.9	47.7	14.9
Serious emotional disturbance	9.1	10.2	12.6	14.1	14.9	16.8	15.9	19.6	20.5	22.0	23.5	14.4
Orthopedic impairments	28.7	24.2	27.8	29.3	29.6	29.6	32.4	35.1	37.4	39.1	40.8	12.1
Mental retardation	2.9	3.3	5.7	5.9	6.8	7.4	5.1	7.1	8.6	9.7	10.3	7.4
Autism	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.7	9.0	9.6	10.7	12.0	7.3
Multiple disabilities	2.4	4.4	6.4	7.0	5.9	6.6	6.2	7.6	9.1	9.0	9.5	7.1
Deaf-blindness	7.0	6.0	8.8	11.6	8.0	10.5	5.8	12.3	7.7	9.3	10.8	3.8
Resource room												
All disabilities	43.1	42.7	40.0	39.0	37.6	36.5	36.3	31.7	29.5	28.8	28.7	-14.4
Specific learning disabilities	62.4	60.9	59.1	57.9	56.1	53.7	54.2	43.9	41.0	39.6	39.4	-23.0
Traumatic brain injury	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.0	19.8	23.5	24.1	24.9	15.9
Speech or language impairments	26.0	23.8	19.7	19.0	17.7	13.9	9.1	10.7	7.6	7.8	6.5	-19.5
Hearing impairments	22.4	25.1	20.9	21.0	18.2	19.7	20.5	19.7	20.0	19.3	18.9	-3.5
Other health impairments	19.8	28.4	20.8	20.3	22.3	27.7	27.6	27.4	27.0	29.0	30.2	10.4
Visual impairments	25.1	29.3	25.6	25.4	23.7	23.2	21.2	21.1	21.3	21.1	20.6	-4.5
Serious emotional disturbance	34.9	35.7	32.9	30.0	28.5	29.2	27.8	26.7	25.8	24.1	23.7	-11.2
Orthopedic impairments	17.6	23.1	18.0	18.6	18.9	22.2	21.0	20.0	20.7	20.6	20.8	3.2
Mental retardation	26.2	27.0	24.0	22.4	20.1	23.0	25.4	26.8	26.2	27.1	28.6	2.4
Autism	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.9	9.6	8.1	9.3	10.7	3.8
Multiple disabilities	17.6	19.5	13.3	14.1	14.3	17.2	18.1	19.1	19.8	11.9	14.9	-2.7
Deaf-blindness	19.0	20.6	7.2	5.3	16.3	6.4	6.2	9.7	8.0	8.7	9.9	-9.1

Table 20-1 Percentage of students with disabilities ages 6–21* according to the educational environment in which they are educated, by type of disability: Academic years ending 1986–96—Continued

Type of disability	Academic year ending											Percentage
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	point change
Separate class												
All disabilities	24.4	24.9	24.7	24.3	24.9	25.1	23.5	23.4	22.7	22.4	21.7	-2.7
Specific learning disabilities	20.7	21.1	21.7	20.9	21.7	22.4	20.0	20.1	18.8	18.4	17.4	-3.3
Traumatic brain injury	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.7	28.4	30.2	30.4	30.6	6.9
Speech or language impairments	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8	5.7	3.9	6.0	4.5	4.6	4.5	0.8
Hearing impairments	32.6	33.1	35.2	33.5	31.7	32.7	31.2	28.1	30.6	28.6	26.8	-5.8
Other health impairments	24.5	19.8	18.7	19.6	24.6	26.2	21.4	20.6	21.3	18.5	18.4	-6.1
Visual impairments	17.9	21.3	20.8	20.3	21.1	19.9	19.6	18.0	18.3	17.2	17.1	-0.8
Serious emotional disturbance	36.2	36.9	34.6	35.8	37.1	35.8	36.9	35.2	35.3	35.2	34.3	-1.9
Orthopedic impairments	29.7	32.9	31.7	33.5	34.7	33.0	34.3	34.1	33.3	31.6	30.5	0.8
Mental retardation	56.6	58.0	57.6	58.9	61.1	58.3	59.2	56.8	57.0	55.8	54.2	-2.4
Autism	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.5	50.0	54.5	55.0	53.8	5.3
Multiple disabilities	43.2	47.6	45.9	46.2	43.7	42.8	47.1	44.6	44.1	51.3	48.8	5.6
Deaf-blindness	21.6	36.4	35.0	29.9	29.9	32.3	36.3	31.4	34.6	36.2	40.2	18.6
Separate facilities												
All disabilities	6.9	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.3	-2.6
Specific learning disabilities	1.5	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.6
Traumatic brain injury	—	—	—	—	—	—	59.5	35.4	23.9	19.5	16.0	-43.5
Speech or language impairments	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3
Hearing impairments	25.0	20.3	19.5	18.6	23.1	20.7	21.3	22.7	18.9	17.1	18.2	-6.8
Other health impairments	28.4	21.3	29.9	30.1	21.9	15.9	15.6	12.0	11.6	10.0	8.2	-20.2
Visual impairments	24.2	16.7	15.9	14.5	15.9	14.8	19.6	15.5	15.3	15.8	14.6	-9.6
Serious emotional disturbance	19.8	17.2	20.0	20.1	19.5	18.3	19.5	18.5	18.4	18.7	18.6	-1.2
Orthopedic impairments	24.0	19.8	22.5	18.7	16.8	15.2	12.3	10.8	8.7	8.7	8.0	-16.0
Mental retardation	14.2	11.7	12.8	12.8	12.1	11.4	10.3	9.3	8.3	7.4	7.0	-7.2
Autism	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.9	31.3	27.8	25.0	23.5	-16.4
Multiple disabilities	36.7	28.5	34.4	32.7	36.1	33.3	28.6	28.8	27.1	27.8	26.8	-9.9
Deaf-blindness	52.4	37.1	48.9	53.2	45.9	50.8	51.6	46.7	49.7	45.8	39.1	-13.3

— Not available.

* Based on the number of students served under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in the United States and outlying areas.

NOTE: Disability types are listed in order of greatest to least increase in being served in a regular classroom. See the supplemental note to this indicator for definitions of the different educational environments and disability types.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, *Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1988–1998*.